

**Whereas**, a period of six wondrous decades has passed since Royce Ashley lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Elaine Steffen, during a solemn ceremony on April 25, 1943, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Santa Ana, California; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Royce and Elaine Ashley have had the pleasure of raising five children, Leon Ashley, Lynda Endicott, Carolyn Kleiboeker, Janie Gates, and Wynette Quade, and the privilege of spoiling twelve grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, now retired, Royce Ashley has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving in the United States Army Air Force from September 1942 through January 1946, during which time he was stationed in Hawaii for six months; endeavoring as a hog farmer; and toiling in various other jobs over the years; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Elaine Ashley further distinguished herself by being a member of the Ladies Aid for many years, working on the voting polls, selling Stanley Products, and caring for a friend who was dying from cancer; and

**Whereas**, during their sixty years together, Royce and Elaine Ashley have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes, including traveling, fishing, genealogy, gardening, and spending time with their family and friends; and

**Whereas**, Royce and Elaine Ashley derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with St. John's Lutheran Church in Monett, where they have been cherished members for more than forty years; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley of Pierce City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on May 11, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Church:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Royce and Elaine Ashley and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Royce Ashley, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jack Goodman  
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker